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SUBJECT: GREEK LABOR'S PARTICIPATION IN ETUC "WORKER ACTION DAY"

REF: BRUSSELS 2615

1. THE GREEK GENERAL CONFEDERATION OF LABOR (GSEE) HAS DECIDED  
TO CALL FOR A THREE-HOUR GENERAL WORK STOPPAGE FROM 10:00 AM TO  
1:00 PM ON APRIL 5 TO DRAW LOCAL ATTENTION TO THE EUROPEAN TRADE  
UNION CONFEDERATION'S (ETUC) "WORKER ACTION DAY". GSEE SECRETARY  
GENERAL  
KARAKITSOS TOLD EMBASSY OFFICERS MARCH 21 THAT THE GSEE PLANNED  
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TO PROMOTE THIS GENERAL WORK STOPPAGE IN THE COUNTRY'S MAJOR  
METROPOLITAN AREAS OF ATHENS, PIRAEUS, AND THESSALONIKI

2. KARAKITSOS SAID THAT, IN ADDITION TO THE ETUC DEMANDS LISTED  
IN PARAGRAPH 2 OF THE EFTEL, THE GSEE INTENDS TO HIGHLIGHT  
UNEMPLOYMENT, ESPECIALLY AMONG YOUNGER WORKERS, IN STATEMENTS  
RELATED TO THE WORK STOPPAGE. HE COMMENDED THAT ALTHOUGH OFFICIAL

STATISTICS ON UNEMPLOYMENT CURRENTLY RUN AT ABOUT 2.8 PER CENT OF THE ORGANIZED GREEK WORK FORCE, HE BELIEVES THAT IT IS HIGHER THAN THAT, ALTHOUGH HE CANNOT SUBSTANTIATE THIS WITH FIRM EVIDENCE.

3. COMMENT: THE INITIAL GSEE ANNOUNCEMENT ON THE "WORKERS ACTION DAY" STRESSES THE "ALL-EUROPEAN" NATURE OF THE EVENT, A REFLECTION OF THE GSEE'S DESIRE TO BE CONSIDERED AS A FULL MEMBER OF THE WEST EUROPEAN LABOR MOVEMENT.

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